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Greenville Dis S C January 13 1866

Dear freans I seat my self to write you a few lines to let you know how we are all after so long a time we are all well at presant hoping this few lines my reach you injoying the same blessing we recived your kind lettir datid Dec 1864 and was glad to hear from you all again but was sorry to hear that somany was Ded we hant heard from you so long that I dont know what to rite that wold interest you our bois has all for of them bin in the wore so long we lost the oldest one July \_\_\_ Jist 3 years ago the rest all got home safe they war all in Lea serender they inquired for indiana ridgment but cold not fin anny this wore has bin hard on the South we have lost nearly all of our property as our property was mostly in slave our country has lost agreat many of our best sittisons a great many of our was kild and died during the wore we hope it is over now and we will have better time then we have had for the last fore years as it has bin a sorrowfool time hear we hope bitter time Haris and Betsy and famly was well last week they have moved to Anderson Dis this fall they lost two sons and 2 soninlaws in the wore there children is all married but 3 two boys and 1 girl Brother Charls and famely is all well they lost 2 suns in the war thear two oldest both kild the Sims family lost 2 in the war there has bin a great distrucktion in our lait troubles

we have a very plesant winter here sofare quite warm and plesant wheat looks well we maid verry little wheat hear last year flower is from 15 to 18 dolars per bushes corn 1½ per bushel port 15 dolars hundren iverry thing is high hear and monny is verry scarse there will be a great many brokup heare they cant pay there Dets I dont know what will be done except we try a new cuntry ther is a good many talking of going to texes our children is most all gron but is all with us at presant 3 boys and 3 girls I wold like to hear from you a gain as soon as you git this and I will try and answer it as it is all the chance the we have of hearing from each other we wold like to see you all but that is most imposable at presant I must close by wishing you all well  
Gaston Terry